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SUBJECT: NEW VICE MINISTER OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. JERZY KOPYTOWSKI, DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, HAS BEEN ELEVATED TO POSITION OF VICE MINISTER (UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE) OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS OF JULY 9.

2. ACCORDING TO POLISH PRESS, KOPYTOWSKI WAS BORN IN TORUN IN 1932 TO A FAMILY OF "WORKING INTELLIGENTSIA." HE FINISHED HIS STUDIES IN 1956 AND IS A DOCTOR OF TECHNICAL SCIENCE. HE BEGAN WORK IN 1956 IN AN EXECUTIVE POSITION AT THE "OSWIECIM" CHEMICAL PLANTS, AND FROM 1967-1972 HE SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY DESIGN OFFICE "PROSYNCHEM" IN GLIWICE. SINCE 1972 HE HAS HELD THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE PZPR. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. KOPYTOWSKI IS KNOWN TO SEVERAL EMBASSY OFFICERS AND WELL KNOWN TO A NUMBER OF US BUSINESSMAN IN THE CHEMICAL FIELD. HE VISITED THE UNITED STATES IN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, 1972, AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY DELEGATION HEADED BY VICE MINISTER KONOPACKI. HE IS FULENT IN ENGLISH, ENERGETIC, AND COMPETENT IN BOTH TECHNICAL AND COMMERICAL DISCUSSION. HE HAS A HIGH REGARD FOR US TECHNOLOGY IN THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, AND HE HAS SHOWN HIS WILLINGNESS TO EXPLORE NEW FORMS OF COOPERATIVE UNDERTAKINGS, INCLUDING MIXED-CAPITAL JOINT VENTURES, WITH AMERICAN COMPANIES. WE DO NOT CONSIDER, HOWEVER, THAT HIS PROMOTION INDICATES ANY SHIFT OF POLICY ON JOINT VENTURES. WE DO NOT YET KNOWN WHETHER KOPYTOWSKI HAS REPLACED ONE OF FOUR PRESENT VICE MINISTERS, NOR WHO REPLACES KOPYTOWSKIIN DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

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